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- Authorities are assessing the total amount of damage and how long it will take before the Southcross Energy Natural Gas Plant near Gregory, Texas, will resume operations following an explosion at the plant January 20. – *KRIS 6 Corpus Christi* (See item [1](#))
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported January 19 that elevated levels of benzene were found in water samples from a treatment plant that serves approximately 6,000 people in Glendive, Montana, following a Yellowstone River pipeline spill January 17. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- A gunman died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after shooting and killing a doctor at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston January 20. – *CNN* (See item [18](#))
- Three New York residents, including 1 former U.S. Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employee, were charged in federal court in Brooklyn January 15 for defrauding the U.S. government of more than \$3.4 million by filing false claims. – *Yuma Arizona News* (See item [21](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *January 21, KRIS 6 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Plant fire near Gregory sends fireballs high into the sky.** Authorities are assessing the total amount of damage and how long it will take before the Southcross Energy Natural Gas Plant near Gregory, Texas, will resume operations following an explosion at the plant January 20. Pipelines that provide gas to the facility were shut off and the fire burned itself out after several hours.  
Source: <http://www.kristv.com/news/plant-fire-near-gregory-sends-fireballs-high-into-the-sky/>
2. *January 20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **Three Shell Oil Company affiliates settle with EPA over violations of vehicle fuel standards.** Three companies affiliated with Shell Oil Company, Deer Park Refining Limited Partnership, Motiva Enterprises LLC, and Equilon Enterprises LLC, reached a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency January 20 to resolve Clean Air Act violations which include selling gasoline and diesel fuel that did not comply with federal standards. The companies will pay a \$900,000 penalty for violations that resulted in excess emissions of harmful air pollutants from motor vehicles.  
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/9c556f1ffe7f3c0485257dd30067df97>
3. *January 20, Times of Northwest Indiana* – (Indiana) **Officials investigating release into Little Calumet River.** Enbridge Energy LLC halted its hydrostatic testing process and is working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to install a filtration system following the release of a blue dye into the Little Calumet River system over the weekend of January 17. The utility released the dye into the Schererville sanitary sewers following testing of new tanks and officials reported that the dye is nonhazardous and is safe for use in live fish ponds.  
Source: [http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/officials-investigating-release-into-little-calumet-river/article\\_e770e62c-d7a5-56d4-924a-a8ed09fe2359.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/officials-investigating-release-into-little-calumet-river/article_e770e62c-d7a5-56d4-924a-a8ed09fe2359.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

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## **Financial Services Sector**

4. *January 20, McAllen Monitor* – (Texas) **Former McAllen-based CEO admits to \$26M wire fraud.** A former chief executive of USA Dry Van Logistics, a McAllen-based trucking company, pleaded guilty January 20 to his role in a wire fraud scheme that defrauded GE Capital Corporation out of more than \$26 million between March 2008 and January 2010. The former executive admitted to falsifying documentation to hide his company's true financial condition in order to borrow hundreds of thousands of dollars every week and allow the company to appear profitable.  
Source: [http://www.themonitor.com/news/local/former-mcallen-based-ceo-admits-to-m-wire-fraud/article\\_b70aa4e8-a10b-11e4-8775-57d016f0fc44.html](http://www.themonitor.com/news/local/former-mcallen-based-ceo-admits-to-m-wire-fraud/article_b70aa4e8-a10b-11e4-8775-57d016f0fc44.html)
5. *January 20, KLTN 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **'Loan Ranger Bandit' pleads guilty to 13 bank robberies.** A suspect known as the "Loan Ranger Bandit" pleaded guilty to 13 counts of bank robbery in federal court in Waco, Texas, January 16. The suspect admitted to 11 bank robberies in Texas and 2 bank robberies in Arkansas, and is suspected of additional bank robberies in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Texas.  
Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/27895106/loan-ranger-bandit-pleads-guilty-to-13-bank-robberies>
6. *January 20, Credit Union Times* – (Michigan) **Michigan police bust card fraud ring.** Three suspects in connection to a payment card fraud ring were arraigned in Jackson County District Court January 12 on 1 count of criminal enterprise, racketeering proceeds and 5 counts of illegal use of sale of a financial device that caused more than 300 fraud complaints and \$100,000 in bogus charges on member credit and debit cards from American 1 Credit Union.  
Source: <http://www.cutimes.com/2015/01/20/michigan-police-bust-card-fraud-ring>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

7. *January 21, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Flights resume at Delta County Airport after cancelations.** Flights were cleared to resume January 20 after the Federal Aviation Administration found that an antenna had moved over time and affected the

communication line at Delta County Airport in Escanaba January 18, which prompted the cancellation of all commercial flights.

Source: <http://www.9and10news.com/story/27900786/flights-resume-at-delta-county-airport-after-cancelations>

8. *January 21, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **I-75 reopens one day after deadly overpass collapse in Cincinnati.** Interstate 75 in Cincinnati reopened January 20 after closing January 19 when an overpass collapsed during demolition onto southbound lanes, killing a construction worker. Authorities are investigating the incident.  
Source: <http://www.wxyz.com/news/1-dead-1-hurt-after-overpass-collapses-onto-i-75-in-cincinnati>
9. *January 20, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **I-25 reopens after hours-long closure caused by jackknifed truck.** The Colorado Department of Transportation closed both directions of Interstate 25 in Douglas County for more than 2 hours January 20 after a semi-truck lost control, jackknifed, and skidded into the center barrier spilling about 75 gallons of diesel fuel onto the roadway. Debris from the accident triggered a second accident in the southbound lanes.  
Source: <http://kdvr.com/2015/01/20/4-mile-stretch-of-southbound-i-25-closed-after-semi-jackknifes-spills-diesel-fuel/>
10. *January 20, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Beeline Highway near North County Airport open after semi crash.** Eastbound lanes on the Beeline Highway in Suburban Jupiter, Florida, were closed for 2 hours while westbound lanes were closed for 5 hours January 20 after a semi-truck crashed and spilled its load of wood on the highway.  
Source: <http://www.wptv.com/news/region-n-palm-beach-county/beeline-highway-closed-near-north-county-airport>
11. *January 19, Orange County Register* – (California) **Freight train derailment causes several Metrolink commuter train delays.** At least 8 Metrolink trains were delayed and redirected January 19 after a BNSF Railway freight train derailed near Corona.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/train-648507-metrolink-trains.html>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *January 21, WWBT 12 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Fire at Henrico Nabisco factory under investigation.** A portion of the Nabisco factory in Henrico was taken temporarily out of service following a January 20 fire that was isolated to a second-floor over and a vent stack leading to the plant's roof. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.  
Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/27901332/fire-at-henrico-nabisco-factory-under-investigation>
13. *January 21, Reuters* – (Washington) **New outbreak of avian flu found in Washington state.** A third outbreak of avian flu was detected in Washington prompting authorities

to warn bird owners January 20 to keep their flocks away from migratory birds and to report sick birds or unusual bird deaths. About 120 backyard chickens, geese, and ducks in Clallam County were culled by agriculture officials January 18 due to confirmed infections of the highly pathogenic H5N2 strain of avian flu, while authorities reported that the virus has not been detected in commercial poultry and there was no immediate public health concern.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/20/us-usa-washington-bird-flu-idUSKBN0KT2FU20150120>

14. *January 20, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Tyson Foods to pay \$539,000 for spill in southwest Missouri.** The Missouri Attorney General announced January 20 that Tyson Foods Inc., agreed to pay more than \$530,000 to resolve charges connected to a June 2014 discharge of Alimet from Tyson's Aurora facility into the town of Monett's wastewater system causing it to fail and sending contaminated water into Clear Creek in Barry County which resulted in a 100,000 fish kill. The settlement also required Tyson to take steps to prevent similar incidents in the future, prepare a hazardous waste manifest before transporting any such thing in Missouri, and be subject to state inspections at the Monett and Aurora facilities at any time.

Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/tyson-foods-to-pay-for-spill-in-southwest-missouri/article\\_f0c1af7a-d669-5834-8ea9-ba47ced4d1a2.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/tyson-foods-to-pay-for-spill-in-southwest-missouri/article_f0c1af7a-d669-5834-8ea9-ba47ced4d1a2.html)

15. *January 19, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Texas pecan processing plant goes up in flames.** A January 17 fire at the Leonard's Big Valley Pecan Farm processing plant in Texas caused an estimated \$1 million in damage to the structure and 100,000 pounds of pecans contained inside the business. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire that apparently started near dryers inside the building.

Source: <http://www.freshplaza.com/article/133916/Texas-pecan-processing-plant-goes-up-in-flames>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

16. *January 20, Iowa City Press-Citizen* – (Iowa) **About 9,100 affected by boil advisory in Coralville.** A boil water advisory was issued as a precaution January 20 - 22 for about 9,100 residents in north Coralville after a water main break. The break was repaired and officials continue testing the water for bacteria.

Source: <http://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/local/2015/01/20/boil-advisory-issued-nw-coralville/22061873/>

17. *January 20, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Cancer-causing agent detected in water after pipeline spill.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported January 19 that elevated levels of benzene were found in water samples from a treatment plant that serves approximately 6,000 people in the community of Glendive, Montana, after 50,000 gallons of oil spilled from the Bridger Pipeline Co.-owned Poplar pipeline into the Yellowstone River January 17. Operations at the water

treatment plant were halted indefinitely.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/cancer-causing-agent-detected-water-pipeline-spill-143731937.html>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

18. *January 21, CNN* – (Massachusetts) **Boston doctor dies after hospital shooting; suspect dead.** A gunman died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after shooting and killing a doctor at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston January 20. The suspect entered the hospital and asked to speak with the doctor prior to the shooting.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/01/20/justice/boston-hospital-shooting/>
19. *January 20, Tallahassee Democrat* – (Florida) **AG Medicaid unit arrests six from Leon County.** An investigation by the Florida attorney general's office led to the arrest of six Leon County case managers employed with DS Connections in Tallahassee in connection to defrauding the Medicaid program out of more than \$170,000. The investigation found that the individuals did not meet the criteria for providing case management services and that the group allegedly filed false claims to Florida Medicaid by improperly billing for mileage and billing for extraneous services for clients.  
Source: <http://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2015/01/20/ag-medicare-unit-arrests-six-from-leon-county/22055107/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

20. *January 21, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Two National Guard soldiers hurt in San Diego County helicopter crash.** Authorities are investigating a California Army National Guard helicopter crash in northeast San Diego County that left two soldiers with minor injuries January 20 after the helicopter crashed at the end of the runway at Ramona Airport during a routine training mission.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-national-guard-helo-20150121-story.html>
21. *January 17, Yuma Arizona News* – (New York) **FDA employee, former corrections officer, and former IRS employee charged in multimillion dollar tax refund conspiracy.** Three New York residents, including 1 former U.S. Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employee, were indicated in federal court in Brooklyn January 15 for defrauding the U.S. government more than \$3.4 million by filing false claims.

Source: <http://www.yumanewsnow.com/index.php/news/latest/9378-fda-employee-former-corrections-officer-and-former-irs-employee-charged-in-multimillion-dollar-tax-refund-conspiracy>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

22. *January 20, WHAG 25 Hagerstown* – (West Virginia) **Potomac Highlands Regional Jail evacuated.** Authorities evacuated and transported 220 inmates from the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail in Hampshire County to neighboring jails January 20 after a regulator malfunctioned and caused an issue with facility's gas line. Officials expect the jail to reopen 24 to 72 hours after repair work is completed.  
Source: <http://www.your4state.com/story/d/story/potomac-highlands-regional-jail-evacuated/28648/Ox1QeUPfakGdKLeFDUvakg>
23. *January 20, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Disturbance at Tampa juvenile detention facility leads to arrests.** Deputies arrested seven juveniles at the Florida Department Juvenile Detention Center East-Lake Academy Girls Wing in Tampa January 18 following reports of a riot at the facility. Staff members and police gained control of the inmates after they refused to follow orders and became combative.  
Source: <http://tbo.com/news/crime/disturbance-at-tampa-juvenile-detention-facility-leads-to-arrests-20150120/>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

24. *January 21, Securityweek* – (International) **Siemens fixes vulnerabilities in SCALANCE, SIMATIC solutions.** Siemens released firmware updates for the SCALANCE X-300 switch family and SCALANCE X408 running firmware versions prior to 4.0 to address denial of service (DoS) vulnerabilities that can be exploited by an unauthenticated attacker to cause a device to reboot by sending malformed HTTP requests or sending specifically crafted network packets to the device's FTP server.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/siemens-fixes-vulnerabilities-scalance-simatic-solutions>
25. *January 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Ransomware incidents on an upward trend, FBI warns.** The FBI issued an alert January 20 and warned computer users of a newer variant of the CrytoWall data encryption malware that infects computers and restricts users' access to files until a fee is paid and the files are unlocked. The malware has been spotted in the wild, featuring localized ransom messages and trying to connect to decryption services hidden in the Invisible Internet Project (I2P) network.



Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Ransomware-Incidents-On-An-Upward-Trend-FBI-Warns-470683.shtml>

26. *January 21, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Java patch plugs 19 security holes.** Oracle released its quarterly patch update for Java, closing at least 19 security vulnerabilities including 13 flaws that are remotely exploitable.  
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/01/java-patch-plugs-19-security-holes/>
27. *January 21, Threatpost* – (International) **Hard-coded FTP credentials found in Schneider Electric SCADA Gateway.** Schneider Electric released an update to address 2 flaws for their ETG3000 FactoryCast HMI Gateway, which is used in manufacturing, energy, water, and other industries as a Web-based SCADA system that could allow unauthenticated remote access to the device's FTP server and configuration files.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/hard-coded-ftp-credentials-found-in-schneider-electric-scada-gateway/110565>
28. *January 19, Threatpost* – (International) **Potential code execution flaw haunts PolarSSL library.** Researchers at Certified Secure discovered a vulnerability in PolarSSL, an open-source SSL library, which could enable an attacker to execute remote code execution and a denial of service (DoS) attack.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/potential-code-execution-flaw-haunts-polarssl-library/110505>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

29. *January 20, New York Daily News* – (National) **Viacom, ESPN hit with \$1.4M FCC fine for using warning tones while promoting 'Olympus Has Fallen'.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission issued a \$1.12 million fine against Viacom and a \$280,000 fine against ESPN January 20 for using Emergency Alert System warning tones for non-emergency purposes while promoting a movie on cable networks in 2013.  
Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/fcc-fines-viacom-espn-warning-tones-promoting-film-article-1.2086034>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

30. *January 21, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Several Disneyland workers diagnosed with measles.** Health officials confirmed January 20 that at least 5 Disneyland employees have been diagnosed with measles bringing the total number of cases in an outbreak tied to the amusement park to 53. Disneyland officials requested that any employees who had not been vaccinated or could not prove their immunity status take paid leave until their status is confirmed.  
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/several-disneyland-workers-diagnosed-with-measles/ar-AA8piqG>
31. *January 20, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Major gas leak in San Jose sends gas bubbling up through street.** Twelve businesses at the Eastridge Center shopping mall in San Jose were evacuated and closed January 20 after a third-party contractor accidentally struck a 4-inch gas distribution line. The stores and local roadways were expected to reopen January 21 after crews made repairs to the line which were estimated to take about 16 hours to complete.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Major-gas-leak-in-San-Jose-sends-gas-bubbling-up-6029064.php>
32. *January 19, Grays Harbor Daily World* – (Louisiana) **Police investigating Wal-Mart bomb threat.** About 100 customers and dozens of employees were evacuated from a Walmart store in Opelousas while police investigated a bomb threat that came through a 9-1-1 call. Police searched the scene and cleared the store to reopen more than 3 hours later after nothing suspicious was found.  
Source: <http://www.dailyworld.com/story/news/local/2015/01/18/clear-wal-mart-bomb-threat/21979413/>

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